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### **Air Force Reservists and C-130s to return to Colorado Springs after four month deployment**

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – Approximately 150 members of the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve and four C-130s are scheduled to return to Colorado Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 18 after a four month deployment to Southwest Asia.

The Air Force Reservists provided support to Operations New Dawn in Iraq and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. While deployed, members of the 731st Airlift Squadron, 302nd Operations Group, and 302nd Maintenance Group flew more than 350 missions with nearly 1,000 sorties. They moved more than 12,000 troops, 300 wounded warriors, 100 high ranking U.S. officials, and 2,600 tons of wartime material with an excellent mission effectiveness rating.

“I am extremely proud of the many contributions the members of our Wing made while deployed to Southwest Asia. Their hard work and professionalism are evident in their nearly perfect mission effectiveness results and the sheer volume of airlift missions. It will be great to see them reunited with family and friends,” said Col. Jay Pittman, Commander of the 302nd Airlift Wing.

In addition to airlift support to overseas contingency operations, the reservists directly supported humanitarian assistance into flood ravaged Pakistan, the recent troop surge into Afghanistan, and the ongoing draw down of U.S. forces from Iraq.

The Air Force Reservists and C-130s were assigned to the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, 745th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing while deployed. All three units were seamlessly integrated into the Total Force and joint military operations supporting the overseas operations.

**IMPORTANT: Media interested in covering the returning Air Force Reservists and C-130s must contact the 302nd AW Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117.**

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